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COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Memoriam

THEODORE LORE FLOOD

Lieut. 125th Pennsylvania Infantry

DIED AT MEADVILLE PA. JUNE 26 1915

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THEODORE LORE FLOOD.

First Sergeant 125th Pennsylvania Infantry August 7, 1862; discharged for promotion February 6, 1863.

Second Lieutenant 125th Pennsylvania Infantry February 7, 1863; honorably mustered out May 18, 1863.

Elected May 1, 1889. Class 1. Insignia 7056.

Born February 20, 1842, at Williamsburg, Pa.

Died June 26, 1915, at Meadville, Pa.

The death of Companion Theodore L. Flood removes one whose life was crowned with great achievement and distinguished service for mankind. His life was rounded out as a preacher, lecturer, soldier, editor and publisher and business man. He was a son of Major John G. Flood. He received his education in the academy of his native town, with two years of private instruction, and at Dickinson Seminary, and later studied theology at the Concord, N. H., Biblical Institute, now the School of Theology of the Boston University. At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion in 1861, he enlisted in Co. C, 125th Pennsylvania Infantry, in which he was promoted to First Sergeant and later to the rank of Lieutenant. He was in the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville.

At the age of eighteen, he was licensed as an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, following his service in the Army as a licensed minister of that church, he served several pastorates in New Hampshire from 1864 to 1874, and at the age of thirty-two he was presiding elder of the Concord District of the N. H. Conference, and also in that year served as President of the State Sunday School Convention. In April of that year he was transferred to the Erie Conference and stationed at Jamestown, N. Y., from where he removed to Meadville, in response to a call from the First M. E. Church.

He also served as pastor of Trinity Church, Oil City. He served three times as delegate to the General Conference, representing the Erie Conference.

He was associated with Bishop John H. Vincent in founding the Chautauqua Institution, and himself founded the Chautauqua periodicals, serving as editor and publisher for twenty-five years of The Chautauqua Magazine, the official organ of the Chautauqua Reading Circle. In connection with Dr. George E. Vincent, President of the University of Minnesota, and his son, Ned Arden Flood, he, in 1890, founded The Chautauqua-Century Press, which publishing house for many years published all the books for the Chautauqua Reading Circle, as well as many others.

In connection with Bishop John W. Hamilton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Flood wrote the widely-known book, "Lives of the Methodist Bishops," and for years was a large contributor to leading religious magazines.

In 1876 the Ohio Wesleyan University conferred the degree of Master of Arts upon him, and he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Mount Union College, Alliance, O., in 1881, and in 1893 the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

He was permanent chairman of the Republican State Convention which nominated Daniel H. Hastings for Governor, and a delegate-at-large from Pennsylvania to the National Republican Convention at St. Louis, which nominated William McKinley for President. He was an honored member and a Past Commander of Peiffer Post, No. 331, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was prominent in many fraternal societies. He was a trustee of Allegheny College. He served as president of the board of trustees of the Meadville Commercial College for twenty-six years; president of the board of trustees of Pennsylvania College of Music for twenty-nine years and chairman of the executive committee of the Round Table of Meadville for nearly thirty years. He was also a trustee of the Odd Fellows Home at Meadville, and for many years president of the Meadville Country Club.

Companion Flood was a distinguished citizen, a generous man and a true friend. He is survived by his wife, Anna M. C. Flood, to whom he was married in 1862, a daughter, Mrs. Rebekah Flood Irvin, and a son, Ned Arden Flood.

The esteem in which Dr. Flood was so widely held is reflected by the following editorial comment of the Daily Messenger of Meadville, in which city Dr. Flood lived for nearly forty years.

"When Dr. Theodore L. Flood passed over the border that separates this life from that of the deathless realm, Meadville suffered a distinct loss and the world at large will greatly miss the man who filled such a conspicuous place in its affairs during his more than three score and ten years' activities in its midst.

"In the achievements of his long life, he leaves behind him a monument such as is erected to few men. By the deeds of his life he will live in the hearts of all that knew him, and the acquaintanceships of his long career are innumerable.

"In the life and achievements of Companion Flood, as one of its foremost citizens, this community was justly proud. In a most eminent manner he was one of the city's great benefactors and to him, in a large measure, is due the city's great educational development and advancement. Financially one of the leading citizens of the city, he had much to do with fostering its growth.

"At all times a strong moral force in the community, a public spirited citizen and, above all, a real friend of all, Companion Flood's death will leave a great void in the community life, and the community will join his family in mourning his death as one whom they loved and honored."

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